

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because proper cross-hatching at cross sections indicated at 8 must be illustrated. The drawings filed on 8/21/2006 are acceptable subject to correction of the following informalities: proper cross hatching at cross sections indicated at 8 must be illustrated. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Amendment

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Mr. Liam McDowell on 11/9/2006.

The application has amended as follows:

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Claim 19 lines 21-23 has been amended to replace:

"two pairs of half rings, one posterior pair of half rings and one anterior pair of half rings linked by four connecting lugs,"

with:

CJ
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